

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Scott J. Smith *et al.*  
Parent Application Serial No.: 10/699,205  
Parent Application Filing Date: 10/31/2003

For: **SUPERABSORBENT POLYMER WITH HIGH PERMEABILITY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR  
CONTINUATION APPLICATION**

Sir:

This is a continuation application of Serial No. 10/699,205 filed October 31, 2003.

Applicants hereby submit the following preliminary amendment to the new continuation application, serial number to be determined. **If any additional fees for this Preliminary Amendment and the accompanying new application are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 502190.**

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Basis for the Amendment** begins on page 11 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.